

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 09/30/2020 – 10/02/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count Updated: 12:25pm 10/02/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	4572	4311
Deaths**	117	54

Confirmed:** positive test result. *Deaths:** BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death, meaning they died because of COVID-19. DOH includes people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died, but may not have died of COVID-19. That's why the dashboard may show a higher number of deaths than we previously reported. DOH is currently updating their definition, and in the coming days, the total number of deaths reported on the dashboard may decrease

City Case Count 10/02/2020 12:25pm	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	3814
Mesa	495	101
Connell	5,500	366
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	53
Kennewick	84,960	2691
Richland	58,550	997
West Richland	15,710	229
Benton City	3,560	168
Prosser	6220	421
Plymouth	-	17
Paterson	-	11
Not Specified	-	108

Current Hospital Status Updated: 12:25pm 10/02/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	314	21	6.7%

Case Locations of Interest updated 12:25pm on 10/02/2020	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	539

Please visit [Washington State Department of Corrections site](https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm) for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm>)

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the [definition of an outbreak](#) and have had active cases within the last 28 days
 - **General Business Community - 16**
 - **Long Term Care Facilities - 9**
 - **HealthCare Settings – 2**
 - **Childcare Settings – 0**
 - **Schools – 1**
 - **Private Gathering – 1 potential outbreak/cluster being investigated**
- **Continue to investigate farm labor contractor outbreaks in our area**
- Schools team is continuing conversations with the local school districts as planning continues for Hybrid Learning models. To assist the schools with data interpretation BFHD has added a table on the School Guidance page of the BFHD website showing the case rate per 100,000 at 14 and 6 days
<https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16929609>
- **Linking businesses with current outbreaks to the CBC West Test site for testing of their employees**
- **After confirmation from DOH on data reporting requirements for antigen testing, BFHD has communicated information to those Long-Term Care, Hospice and Home Health Care agencies who have an antigen testing machines so they are clear on what their reporting requirements are**
- **Med Tech has indicated that it is not necessarily the disease rate that is driving our progress but what we do for infection prevention. These are the things we must continue to do ALL THE TIME, not just when convenient, masking, social distancing, and limiting group sizes. “COVID cases are not inevitable if we do what we need to do”**

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- **To date Care Coordination has received 960 case referrals. During the month of September, the Care Coordination team averaged 70 referrals per week. Care Coordination team connects people in Isolation or quarantine to the services they need to stay isolated. This may be providing a Walgreens Hygiene kit or a Kroger Food box or connecting them with rent assistance, grocery or prescription delivery or other services – Thank You Care Coordination Team for providing this valuable service for the community**
- Contact Tracing team continues monitoring for trends and providing feedback to the Outbreak Mitigation Team with the goal of getting ahead of any potential outbreaks in our area

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- **To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered 15,117 COVID tests (need to add today's # still). Testing numbers this week are as follows: Thursday 10/01, 57 tests, Friday 10/2, 82 tests**
- **The positivity rate at the HAPO site last week was 13%**
- **HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm**
- **CBC-West Test Site administered: To date the site has administered 918 COVID tests. Testing number this week are as follows: Thursday 10/01 – 209 tests, Friday 10/02 - 173tests**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The positivity rate at the CBC west Site last week was 11.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBC-West Test Site Hours of Operations –Thursday through Monday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. <u>ONLINE REGISTRATION</u> is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Click the link to be taken to the registration page www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting
<u>VOLUNTEERS:</u> Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested in volunteering at BFHD go to: VOLUNTEER AT BFHD
<u>COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION:</u> Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check This out from the CDC titled: “Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19 CDC.” https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD press conferences will be conducted on an as need basis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

<u>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves. PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than 10:00am every Friday or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

<u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing via ZOOM if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday and Friday Planning meeting at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM – if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday and Friday at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released – Tuesday IAP will cover Wednesday-Friday and the Friday IAP will cover Saturday-Tuesday.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues/Fri at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released will Change to Wednesdays only will start Oct 21st
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555# Next meeting October 14th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every other Friday at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community's information/concerns/coordination
<u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability planning for the BFHD COVID response. BFHD Incident Command will transition out of the Franklin County ECC and back to BFHD main office beginning Oct 16th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School planning for in-person hybrid learning following <75 cases per 100,000 threshold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu vaccination - communicating the importance of receiving a flu shot this year
<u>CURRENT RISKS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School re-opening across the two counties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Information for Halloween/Corn Mazes/Haunted Houses and impacts from those events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu season and recognition of Flu vs. COVID
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check This out from the CDC titled: "Similarities and Differences between Flu and COVID-19" CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer
Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons